

P. S. INQUISITORS CALL FOR SHONTS, BUT CAN'T GET HIM

Want to Know About \$500
Transaction Between Inter-
borough and Wood's Friend.

"SLUSH FUND" ELUSIVE.

Baldwin Explains That \$10,000
Payment for Another Speed
Control Patent.

The Thompson Investigating Committee was temporarily balked to-day in an effort to get at the inside of a \$500 transaction between Mansfield Fuhrer, an Interborough purchasing agent, and W. C. Banks, who was a partner of Robert Colgate Wood before the latter was appointed a Public Service Commissioner. Fuhrer had been promising for several days to produce his bank books. He failed to appear to-day and Senator Thompson issued a subpoena for Theodore P. Shonts, President of the Interborough. Mr. Shonts could not be found. Counselor Quackenbush, for the Interborough, appeared before the committee and explained that, as this is the day before a holiday, all the people in the Interborough left early.

"I insist that due respect be shown this committee," said Senator Thompson. "It will not do any good to have lawyers from my county or my village trying to interfere with me or with this investigation. We want to find out about that \$500 transaction and we are going to do it."

Arthur J. Baldwin, lawyer, of No. 27 Pine Street, told on the witness stand before the committee to-day of the \$10,000 payment made to him by the General Railway Signal Company for a speed control patent. He said that the patent was that of Hamilton C. Ford, which he had bought for Ford only a short while before for \$5,000.

When asked if the Ford patent was better than the Simmen patent, which has been given as the reason why the contract for the signal contract in the Fourth Avenue subway was swung from the Federal Signal Company to the General Company, Mr. Baldwin said:

"The Simmen system is a mere detail in the application of the principle embodied in the Ford patent. Ford invented the basic idea."

When he was asked if he would let the committee make a transcript of his account in the Essex County Trust Company of New Jersey Mr. Baldwin declared that he wouldn't.

The nearer the Thompson committee comes to the "yellow dog fund" that is alleged to have figured in the award of the switch and signal contract in the new Fourth Avenue subway the harder it is to get at the facts. President Wilmer W. Salmon of the General Railway Signal Company, which got the \$1,500,000 contract, has not yet told anything of value in that direction; but he is to continue on the witness stand to-day, and the committee have hopes of him.

Mr. Salmon is an expert in his business, a keen-eyed, clear-thinking captain of industry, a wise student of men and mechanism, with a vast store of information and experience—but he has not yet given any reason why his company was so suddenly inspired to buy the Simmen speed control system. The nearest he has come to it has been to say that his own company's speed control system could not be worked without a license from Simmen; therefore they bought a license from Simmen to use certain features of his plan.

There is a curious gap in the testimony here. Mr. Salmon has not given any reason why the control element so suddenly became important just at the time he bought it. Bids for the new Fourth Avenue subway had been invited months before; they were all in, among them the bid of his own company, which was too high, and that of the Federal Company, which was the lowest and seemed to be a sure winner. No one was bothered about a speed control until this stage of the proceedings—when suddenly Salmon bought the Simmen rights and asked the Public Service Commission to reopen the bidding.

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BUCHANAN GIVES IN; COMING TO ANSWER INDICTMENT IN PLOT

Fowler, Martin and Schulteis
Surrender, but Ask Hearing,
Which Is Allowed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Representative Frank Buchanan of Illinois, indicted with seven others on a charge of conspiracy to restrain trade in munitions, sent word to the Department of Justice to-day that he would waive all question of immunity, go to New York as quickly as possible, probably within a week; furnish bail and adopt no dilatory tactics.

Former Representative H. Robert Fowler, Henry P. Martin and Herman Schulteis, identified with Labor's National Peace Council and indicted with Buchanan, demanded a preliminary hearing, when they appeared to-day before United States Commissioner Taylor to make a formal return to the indictment. Hearing was set for Jan. 20.

The demand for a hearing came as a surprise to the Government. Henry E. Davis, for the defendants, explained he did not believe that such an indictment would lie under the Sherman Law, or any other law, and that he intended to ask the Commissioner to determine whether there had been a bona fide intention on the part of the Government to charge a crime against the United States.

"The Sherman Law was aimed at the suppression of competition among traders, where the men named in this indictment are in no way competitors with the men whose trade, it is charged, they were conspiring to interfere with," said Mr. Davis.

Bonds of \$5,000 for appearance here on Jan. 20 was required of each of the defendants.

BLOCKS JERSEY COMMUTERS.

Derailed Car Stalls Early Trains
on the Newark Road.

A car off the track at the Junction of the Hudson and Manhattan tracks and the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Dairien, near Jersey City, threw all traffic from Newark and its suburbs into confusion in the morning rush hour to-day.

Many trains were caught on the meadows back of Jersey City. Notices were posted at the Newark terminal and thousands hurried to Hoboken by trolley to reach the tube, and to the Central Railroad of New Jersey station in Broad Street. Those who could afford it took the Pennsylvania trains to the Thirty-third Street terminal.

WOODED GIRLS TO ROB THEM, IS POLICE CHARGE

Senisky, Ex-Convict, Is Held on
Accusation of a Young Woman
From Madison.

Just out of Sing Sing after having been there since 1913 for a similar offense, Walter Senisky, twenty-six, No. 602 Sixth Street, was arraigned in the Yorkville Police Court to-day charged with police larceny of \$600, which he is said to have obtained from Helen Miller, Madison, N. J., on a promise to marry her.

Twice this year Senisky has been arrested for inducing girls to part with money prior to a wedding that never came off. In each case he was released on his promise to restore the money and marry the plaintiff. Oct. 6 he met Miss Miller at a party in Madison and induced her to come to New York, where he procured her a room at No. 365 East Fifty-eighth Street. He is alleged to have persuaded her to draw her savings of \$600 from the bank and give the money to him.

When the girl reported his disappearance, Detectives Donlin and O'Connell were put on the case. They heard that Senisky was wooing a new girl on Fourteenth Street, where they arrested him last night. Magistrate Levy held him in \$1,500 bail until Monday.

TRYING 3 WAYS TO DIE, HE LEAPS FROM WINDOW

Crowd Sees Frantic Man in East
81st Street Courting Death—
He Was Out of Work.

Temporarily insane by brooding over lack of employment, Frederick Win, twenty-two years old, turned on the gas in his room at No. 223 East Eighty-first Street to-day and then lay down to die. Mrs. Jennie Sullivan, from whom Win rented the room and who had notified him last evening that he would have to move, smelled gas and began knocking on the door.

"Let me alone," cried the frenzied man. "Don't come in; I am committing suicide."

Mrs. Sullivan ran to the street shrieking for help. John Levy of No. 208 East Eighty-first Street and Isaac Schwartz of No. 218 East Eighty-first Street returned with her and began pounding on the door.

"You can't get in," said Win. "I am making this job a good one; I am now cutting my throat with a razor."

By this time the entire building was in an uproar and crowds were standing out in Eighty-first Street. They were horrified to see Win suddenly open a window of his room, poison on the ledge and then plunge to the sidewalk.

Dr. Amett from the Reception Hospital found that Win still was alive. Besides having slashed himself with the razor he had used a penknife on his wrists and body. He was taken to the hospital dying.

GREEK LINER SENDS WIRELESS "ALL WELL" TO EVENING WORLD

Thessaloniki's Captain Says
Florizel Is Standing By 160
Miles Off Nantucket.

The following wireless message was received from the crippled Greek liner Thessaloniki at 2:17 o'clock this morning:

The Evening World, New York: All well. Are waiting nearest ship, SS. Florizel, which is coming to our assistance. Compliments.

SS. Thessaloniki.

Earlier reports gave the Thessaloniki's position as 160 miles south-east of Nantucket.

Messages received here from the Florizel to-day indicated that the Thessaloniki was burning distress signals. One received at 5 A. M. read: "Now looking for Thessaloniki. Can't see distress signals which she is burning. Will wait till daylight." It was suggested that the Thessaloniki was burning the signals to enable the other vessels to find her in the night.

TAFT AND SPRING-RICE TALK OVER RED CROSS

Former President Asks That Hos-
pital Supplies May Be Sent
to Germany.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Former President Taft, as head of the executive council of the American Red Cross, has had a conference with Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, respecting the admission to Germany and Austria of American Hospital supplies intended for Red Cross organizations.

A satisfactory understanding was reached on the general lines governing such shipments, and it is expected the Red Cross will soon issue a statement defining the class of hospital supplies that may go forward to the belligerents.

FOUND VANDERBILT PEARL.

Mrs. W. K. East Earning on Golf
Links and Offered \$500 Reward.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 31.—Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, while on the golf links to-day with Mrs. Joseph Harriman, lost an earring, a single large pearl set in platinum.

She offered \$500 reward for its return and it was recovered by Adam Green, the golf club's professional.

CORBETT TELLS ABOUT HIS AUTO SMASH-UP

Took Chance With Fence and
House Rather Than Truck in
"Closest Call in Life."

James J. Corbett, former champion pugilist, gave a "ring-side description" to-day of a one-round set to him and Mrs. Corbett and their limousine had in Long Island City with an automobile truck, a fence and a house.

As the result of the accident Mrs. Corbett's left arm is broken near the wrist and she is bruised about the head. Corbett was bruised about both arms and is believed to have sustained slight internal injuries.

"We were on our way yesterday to our home at Bayside," said Corbett. "I was driving and Mrs. Corbett was in the rear seat of the limousine. At Radde Avenue a big automobile truck suddenly appeared, going at right angles to us. The driver did not seem to have control and all in a moment I saw I had just two chances. One was to shut off power, apply the brakes and hope for a mild collision. The other was to throw on all power and beat the truck across the road, though I would hit a fence and a house on the other side. I threw on the accelerator, beat the truck, hit the fence, and crashed in part of the house."

"The automobile was wrecked. My wife was stunned. I called a physician, and it was not until he had revived Mrs. Corbett that I discovered I was injured slightly.

"It was the closest call I ever had, and I've had many calls."

FENNIMORE SENTENCED IN GIAMARI MURDER

From Seven and One-Half to Fif-
teen Years for Man Who Ad-
mitted His Complicity.

Frank Fennimore, implicated by his own confession as guilty of manslaughter in the second degree, with Gaetano Montemagno and Rocco Carnivale in the murder of Mike Giamari, Tom Foley's lieutenant in the Democratic organization of the Second District, was sentenced to-day by Justice Tompkins of the Supreme Court. He was sent to Sing Sing for not less than seven and a half years and not more than fifteen years.

It was the confession of Fennimore which brought about the indictment of Michael Rofrano, former Deputy Commissioner of Street Cleaning, for instigating the killing of Giamari. Rofrano is still missing.

Pera to Borrow \$15,000,000.
LIMA, Peru, Dec. 31.—The Government bill authorizing a loan of \$15,000,000 has been approved by the Senate Finance Committee.

MARQUIS IS BORED BUT AGREES TO PAY SCARED HEIRESS

De Teixeira Will Have to Face
Court If Accounting Is
Not Made.

DAUGHTER FEARS HIM.

He Belittles Her Fortune and
Expatiates, in Conference,
on His Own.

Unless Dom Eugenio de Teixeira, Marquis de Aiguia Branca, comes up promptly with an accounting of the finances of his twenty-four-year-old daughter, Georgiana, he will face court proceedings. This was made clear to the fiery relative of Dom Pedro, the deposed Emperor of Brazil, at a preliminary conference in the offices of Thomas J. Rich, a lawyer at Port Jefferson, L. I.

All the principals in the golden story were present. There was the Dom himself, debonair, protesting the young woman's fortune was but trifling, after all; there was the eighty-pound Georgiana, venturing for the first time from under the grandmotherly wing of Senora Maria Luisa de Teixeira; there were the two other sisters, Carolina, the oldest, severe and disapproving, and Eugenia, seventeen, pretty and demure; and finally there were Justice of the Peace Jacob S. Dreyer of Setauket, Lawyer George Furman and Lawyer Rich.

The Dom agreed to produce the accounting. He expressed no opinion as to the flight of his second daughter from their Setauket home and her appeal to Justice Dreyer with allegations of duress and having to sign mysterious papers and investigations of her sanity. Most of the time he registered a state of boredom.

After the conference Mr. Furman said he did not care to make a statement, but Justice Dreyer said:

"This conference will simply lead to another. Then the Marquis promises to produce all the papers in the case. He says the property left to his daughter consists of houses in Sao Paulo, in poor condition and yielding no revenue. However, the stocks and bonds of Miss Georgiana for which her sister Carolina held power of attorney which her attorney had revoked will yield her an income of about \$2,000 a year. She may therefore live independently of her father if she chooses. She continues to say that she is very much afraid of him. 'No date has been fixed for the next conference, but presumably it will take place when Dom Eugenio meets us with the documents in the case.'"

TYPHUS EPIDEMIC IN MEXICO; 315 ARE DEAD

Carranza Orders Linen Here for
Hospitals—Poorer Districts
Suffer Most.

Announcement was made here to-day by representatives of the Carranza Government that during November 315 people died in Mexico from typhus.

Conditions are not so serious as have been reported, however, and Gen. Carranza has appointed 300 physicians and 300 assistants to canvass the stricken districts and take charge of all cases of the disease which, it is said, prevails among the poorer classes only.

Carranza has also placed with Dr. Alfredo Caturgli, Consul General for Mexico here, orders for quantities of sheets, pillow cases and hospital linen for immediate distribution among the hospitals in districts where typhus prevails.

YALE MOURNS TOM SHEVLIN.

University Represented at Funeral
of Football Star.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 31.—Funeral services for Thomas L. Shevin, former Yale football star and millionaire lumberman, who died of pneumonia last Wednesday, were held at the family residence here to-day. George Harnley, Yale, treasurer of Yale University, represented that institution at the funeral. The pall bearers were department heads of the Shevin interests.

Hundreds of messages of condolence have reached the Shevin home from business and professional men and women in all parts of the United States.

CITY WINS HEALTH PRIZE.

Department Gets Grand Award
From Panama-Pacific Exposition.

"Happy New Years" were wished in exultant tones around the Department of Health to-day when it became known that Commissioner Emerson had received word that the New York Health Department received the Grand Prize at the Panama-Pacific Exposition for its exhibits there in health and sanitation.

This adds one more honor to the long list held by the Department, which received first awards at the Chicago and St. Louis World's Fairs and the International Congress on Hygiene and Demography held in Washington.

GIRL WHO FORCED HER FATHER, A MARQUIS, TO ACCOUNT FOR WEALTH.



GEORGINA
DE TEIXEIRA.

JOE MURPHY, COMEDIAN, DIES WORTH \$3,000,000

Old-Time Actor Succumbs to Pneu-
monia at 83—Made "The Kerry
Gow" Famous.

Joe Murphy, old time Irish comedian, known in this country from coast to coast for his impersonation in "The Kerry Gow," died in this city to-day of pneumonia. He was eighty-three years old. The estate he left is estimated at \$3,000,000.

Murphy, whose real name was William Lawrence Murphy, was born in Brooklyn. His first appearance on the stage was in the early 60's in a theatre in San Francisco. It was at that time that his name was erroneously put on the programme as "Joe," and he never changed it afterward.

In California, during the days of the pioneers, he played Irish, Dutch and blackface parts and became a great favorite on the coast.

Later he took up Irish plays and made his greatest successes in "The Kerry Gow" and "Shaun Rhee." It was in the latter play that he used to sing "A Handful of Earth," which became as much a part of the play as the lines of the author.

One of his last appearances on the stage was a revival of "The Kerry Gow" at Proctor's Fifty-eighth Street Theatre in 1903.

WOMAN ENGINEER FIGHTS TO ENTER MEN'S SOCIETY

Nora Stanton Blatch Goes to Court
for Order Compelling Her
Admission.

The long-threatened fight to force the American Society of Civil Engineers, the largest organization of its kind in the world, to recognize women as members was begun in the Supreme Court to-day by Nora Stanton Blatch, daughter of Harriet Stanton Blatch.

The first and only woman to be graduated from Cornell University with a degree of Civil Engineer, Miss Blatch says that she is entitled to membership; but six of the thirty directors cannot see it that way, and as a result she was refused membership on Dec. 29. Miss Blatch says in her application for a writ of mandamus that the Board of Directors did not reject her application because she was not professionally fitted.

On Dec. 29 last Miss Blatch wrote to the Board of Directors demanding that an associate membership be voted to her, as her junior membership had expired on Sept. 30, the day she reached the age of thirty-two. To this demand she received no answer, and she consulted her lawyer, Roger Foster, who to-day filed the application with Justice Ford.

SHIP RUNS OUT OF FUEL AT SEA IN BIG GALES

British Vessel Burned All Available
Wood Under Boilers Until Picked
Up by Tank Steamer.

The British steamship Kingfield arrived here to-day from Genoa, via Algiers, Bermuda and Hampton Roads, and reported having encountered such terrific gales and seas after leaving Algiers on Nov. 10 that the coal supply was exhausted.

When nearly all of the available wood on the vessel had been burned under the boilers the Italian tank steamer Lampo picked up the Kingfield and towed her into Bermuda waiting for coal, and it was nine days before the Kingfield was supplied with fuel.

TRAIN PUNCHES HOLE IN WALL OF PIANO FACTORY

Brakeman's Lantern Out He
Couldn't Warn Engineer
to Stop.

A New York Central freight train of sixteen cars, loaded with automobiles for the Auto Show, was backed through the rear wall of Henry Radie's piano factory, at No. 611 Eleventh Avenue at 4:30 A. M. to-day. It picked up on the way a big auto truck loaded with piano backs and pushed it through the wall.

The train was backing into a siding between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Streets, where the automobiles were to be unloaded. There was no bumper at the end of the siding. The brakeman's lantern went out, it is said, and when the train was nearing the end of the track he was unable to signal Engineer James Bieth to stop. He was running over the tops of the cars trying to reach the locomotive and give warning, when the train left the track.

Between the end of the rails and the rear of the piano factory is a runway of cobblestones, on which a big truck was standing. The freight cars backed thirty feet over the cobblestones and shoved the truck through the factory wall, making a hole about fifteen by thirty feet.

Debris fell over several pianos and the truck was smashed. It was said nothing in the freight train was damaged. The cars were derailed on the track when the locomotive went ahead. A Building Department inspector was of the opinion it might be unsafe to allow any one to work on the second floor of the factory to-day.

Railroad Coal Rate Reductions Again Postponed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Reductions in rates on anthracite from the Pennsylvania fields to the Atlantic seaboard were again postponed to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission. They will become effective April 1 instead of Jan. 1. They were originally ordered for Oct. 1 and have been twice extended. The commission wants to give the coal roads time to work out the new rate schedules they have been ordered to make.

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